ESTONIAN BABY HAT WORKSHOP
taught by Mary Holton

Class description

The Estonian Baby Hat, a 3 month size, is a sampler hat with five different Estonian textured stitches. We will also explore their creative possibilites.

With Rolled-Brim Edge

With Plain Edge

Prerequisite

You need to feel comfortable knitting in the round.

Materials

Yarn: Worsted or heavy worsted weight. I strongly suggest a solid light color such as cream or white. Other good choices are beige, light yellow, lavender, pale blue, baby blue, mint green, or pale pink.

I strongly discourge you from using variegated, speckled or dark colored yarn. Light colors make it easier to see your stitches and they also "pop" better.

My favorite yarn is Cascade Ecological Wool. Other yarns that I have tried and liked were Lion Brand Fisherman Wool, Patons Wool, Berocco Vintage, Cascade 128 Superwash Wool and Cascade 220.

A soft acrylic worsted yarn would also work.

Needles: a 16 inch circular needle and a set of double-pointed needles that will give you a gauge of 5 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch knitted in the round. You are welcome to use two circulars or magic loop if you prefer and are able to convert. I use a size 6, but I knit loosely, so you might need a seven or an eight.

I also recommend needles with sharp tips and that are slick, like metal or those with a coating like Dreamz. I do not recommend wood or bamboo unless that have a coating .

Other materials: A beginning of round marker and three safety pin type markers, scissors, measuring tape and a pen for taking notes.

Homework

You have two options.

1. For a rolled brim edge, which I think looks very nice – Cast on 60 stitches. Place marker and join in the round. Knit 5 rounds. Purl 1 round. Then, *Knit 3. Purl 1. Repeat from * around for one round.

2. If you do not want a rolled brim edge or are short on time – Cast on 60 stitches. Place marker and join in the round. The, *Knit 3. Purl 1. Repeat from * around for one round.

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